

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF SOUTH CAROLINA

DOCKETING DEPARTMENT

NOTICE OF FILING AND HEARING

DOCKET NO. 2007-286-W/S

UTILITIES SERVICES OF SOUTH CAROLINA, INC. – APPLICATION FOR ADJUSTMENT OF RATES AND CHARGES AND MODIFICATIONS TO CERTAIN TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR THE PROVISION OF WATER AND SEWER SERVICE

Utilities Services of South Carolina, Inc. (USSC or the Company) has filed an Application with the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) for an adjustment of the Company's rates and charges for the provision of water and sewer service. USSC is a public utility, as defined by S.C. Code Ann. § 58-5-10(4) (Supp. 2006), providing water and sewer service to the public for compensation in certain areas of South Carolina pursuant to rates approved by the Commission in Docket No. 2005-217-W/S.

Pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. § 58-5-240 (Supp. 2006) and 26 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 103-712.4.A and 103-512.4.A (1976, as amended), the Company requests that the Commission approve an increase in its monthly water and sewer service charges as set forth in the Application. Further, pursuant to 26 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. R. 103-703 (1976, as amended), the Company proposes to add language to its terms and conditions for the provision of water service to provide that, for water service to customers not described in the South Carolina Department of Environmental Control Guidelines for Unit Contributory Loadings for Domestic Waste Water Treatment Facilities, 25 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 61-67 Appendix A (Supp. 2006), such as irrigation service, the tap fees shall be the same as those for one (1) SFE.

In support of its request for an adjustment in the Company's water and sewer rates, terms and conditions, USSC asserts, among other things, that the proposed water and sewer rate increases are necessary in order that it may provide reasonable and adequate service to its customers, comply with standards and regulations set by the Department of Health and Environmental Control and other governmental agencies which regulate the environmental aspect of the Company's business, and earn a reasonable return on its investment and attract capital for future improvements. The Company also asserts that the proposed water and sewer rate increases are necessary to preserve its financial integrity and to permit continued investment in and maintenance of its facilities so as to provide reliable and high quality services.

A copy of the Application is on file in the offices of the Public Service Commission of South Carolina, 101 Executive Center Drive, Synergy Business Park, Columbia, South Carolina 29210, the Commission's website at www.psc.sc.gov and is available from John M.S. Hoefer, Esquire, Willoughby & Hoefer, P.A., Post Office Box 8416, Columbia, South Carolina 29202.

THE PROPOSED CHANGES IN THE RATES AND CHARGES ARE SET FORTH BELOW
(The complete rate schedule is available from the Company at the above address and on the Commission's website at www.psc.sc.gov)

WATER

Monthly Charges	Current	Proposed
<u>Residential (less than 1" meter)</u>		
Basic Facilities Charge	\$14.39 per unit	\$21.51 per unit
Commodity Charge	\$3.91 per 1,000 gallons or 134 cft	\$5.83 per 1,000 gallons or 134 cft
<u>Commercial/Residential (for 1" meter or greater)</u>		
Basic Facilities Charge		
By Meter Size		
1" meter	\$35.98	\$53.79
1.5" meter	\$71.97	\$107.60
2" meter	\$115.15	\$172.16
3" meter	\$230.30	\$344.32
4" meter	\$359.84	\$538.00
Commodity Charge	\$3.91 per 1,000 gallons or 134 cft	\$5.83 per 1,000 gallons or 134 cft
<u>Charge for Water Distribution Only</u>		
<u>Residential (for less than 1" meter)</u>		
Basic Facilities Charge	\$14.39 per unit	\$21.51 per unit
Commodity Charge	\$2.24 per 1,000 gallons or 134 cft	\$3.34 per 1,000 gallons or 134 cft
<u>Commercial/Residential (for 1" meter or greater)</u>		
Basic Facilities Charge		
By Meter Size		
1" meter	\$35.98	\$53.79
1.5" meter	\$71.97	\$107.60
2" meter	\$115.15	\$172.16
3" meter	\$230.30	\$344.32
4" meter	\$359.84	\$538.00
Commodity Charge:	\$2.24 per 1,000 gallons or 134 cft	\$3.34 per 1,000 gallons or 134 cft

SEWER

1. Monthly Charges	Current	Proposed
Residential – monthly charge per single-family house, condominium, villa, or apartment unit	\$41.39 per unit	\$46.11 per unit
Mobile Homes – monthly charge	\$29.74 per unit	\$33.13 per unit
Commercial – monthly charge	\$41.39 per SFE	\$46.11 per SFE*
<u>Charge for Sewer Collection Only</u>		
Residential – monthly charge per single-family house, condominium, or apartment unit	\$26.64 per unit	\$29.68 per unit
Commercial – monthly charge Per single-family equivalent	\$26.64 per SFE	\$29.68 per SFE

* Single Family Equivalent

In order for testimony and evidence to be received from all interested parties, a public hearing will be held in the Commission's Hearing Room, Synergy Business Park, 101 Executive Center Dr., Columbia, South Carolina on **Thursday, December 13, 2007 at 10:30 am.**

Any person who wishes to testify and present evidence at the hearing concerning these matters should notify, in writing, the Docketing Department at the address below, the Office of Regulatory Staff, at Post Office Box 11263, Columbia, South Carolina 29211 and John M. S. Hoefer, Esquire, Willoughby & Hoefer, P.A., at Post Office Box 8416, Columbia, South Carolina 29202-8416 on or before **September 21, 2007.** *Please refer to **Docket No. 2007-286-W/S.***

Any person who wishes to participate in this matter, as a Party of Record with the right of cross-examination, should file a Petition to Intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, on or before **September 21, 2007**, and indicate the amount of time required for his presentation. Please include an email address for receipt of future Commission correspondence in the Petition to Intervene. *Please refer to **Docket No. 2007-286-W/S.***

Any person, who wishes to be notified of any change in the hearing date, but does not wish to present testimony or be a party of record, may do so by notifying the Docketing Department, in writing, at the address below on or before **September 21, 2007.** *Please refer to **Docket No. 2007-286-W/S.***

Any person who wishes to request a hearing in his or her county of residence should notify before September 27, 2007, in writing, the Docketing Department at the address below, the Office of Regulatory Staff, at Post Office Box 11263, Columbia, South Carolina 29211 and John M. S. Hoefer, Esquire, Willoughby & Hoefer, P.A., at Post Office Box 8416, Columbia, South Carolina 29202-8416. *Please refer to **Docket No. 2007-286-W/S.***

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE: Any person who wishes to have his or her comments considered as part of the official record of this proceeding **MUST** present such comments, in person, to the Commission during the hearing.

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